

# The Senate

#### STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

## OFFICE OF SENATOR JOSHUA BOOTH GREEN M.D.

#### **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING IN MB DOCKET NO. 12-208**

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Attention:

Chief, Media Bureau

Re:

Time Warner Entertainment Company Petition for Modification

of Market of KLEI-TV, Kailua Kona, Hawaii

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please find my comments regarding docket number 12-208.

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.

State Senate

3<sup>rd</sup> District



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# Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20554

In re Petition of:	)		
	)	MB Docket No	
Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P.	)		
	)	CSR-	
For Modification of DMA	)		
Station KLEI-TV HI0006	)	Honolulu	HI0005;
Mauna Kea Broadcasting Company HI0011	)	Kauai	
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	)	Hickam AFB	
HI0043			
	)	Aliamanu	
HI0058			
	)	Kaneohe Marine Corps	
HI0066			
		Pearl Harbor	
	HI0070		
	)	Barking Sands Nava	1
	HI0098		
	)	Kalaupapa	
	HI010	)7	
	)	Maui	
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To: Office of the Secretary Attn: Chief, Media Bureau

#### COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION

Aloha Commission members, my name is Josh Green, MD, and I represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> State Senatorial District, which is an area covering one-third of the Island of Hawaii mostly the

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area centered around Kailua-Kona, south to Kealakekua, and Northeast towards Waimea (Kameula). The district then turn southeast and boarders both the lower slopes of Mouna Kea and Mouna Loa. The Big Island is the largest island in the state at 4,028 sq. miles, and the second largest in population, with almost 190,000 residents.

This is an area that is not only a prime tourist destination it is also an important agricultural area that supplies much of the state's local produce such as Farm Vegetables, Avocados, Specialty Fruits, and Bananas. It is also known for its Kona Coffee, Macadamia Nuts, and Honey. All three of these products are important to the state's export economy. In addition West Hawaii is a leader in Aquaculture innovation and production in the State. West Hawaii is quickly becoming the central point of communications for agriculture on the Big Island as well as for other rural areas of the state outside of the City and County of Honolulu.

KLEI-TV plays an important pivotal role in providing information on issues that impacts not only the Big Island but the rest of the State as well. It has quickly become a broadcast leader on Big Island by providing a wide variety informative programming that embraces the traditions that are woven into the fabric of Big Island residents. KLEI's programming is unique as it originates from the Big Island and is not broadcasted to the Big Island from Honolulu. Having travel throughout the state and spoken with hundreds of people, I strongly believe that residents on each the neighbor islands are very concerned with events that occur on all the islands, not just Honolulu, thus I earnestly support KLEI's desire to become the Big Island's voice in the State.

I see no logical or valid reason, other than a pecuniary one, why Time Warner would oppose KLEI's desire to be carried on their cable system. In closing I seem to remember that the FCC has a responsible to keep our "airways free". I urge you to continue to do so with respect the KLEI-TV.

Mahalo nui loa for giving me the opportunity to offer these comments in opposition to Time Warner modification of the DMA.

Respectfully.

Josh Green, MD

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